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CHATS WITH YOUNG MEN

WORKING FOR SOMEBODY What do you get for your work? is often asked of a man. But few persons inquire: What do you give for what you get? "If you have a man working for you "If you have a man working for you

it makes a great deal of difference to you whether he is watching you all the time to see whether you give time to see whether you him the best possible pay for his work, or watching himself a little to work, or whether he gives you the best possible work for his pay. We are all working for someone. Instead of working by the day and receiving our pay at night, or instead of working by the month and being paid at the end of the month, we may be in independent business and receiving a compensation fixed by competition, but if we are not living a life of idleness we must be working for some one, and it makes a great deal of difference to society whether we are simply bent upon absorbing as much as possible from the world, or are trying to give a dollar's worth of service for a dollars worth of pay.

Those words give the viewpoint of one occupying a high position in our government, a good man with a wide outlook, and are well worth the consideration of younger and lesser citizens who are looking out on life with a desire to get the most out of it.

'What does it pay?'' is a perfectly legitimate question to ask concerning all we undertake, provided we have wisely estimated what kinds of payment are, in the long run, the most valuable. There is no bad bargain quite so bad as cheating oneself out of life's highest things for the sake of a greedy grasping of its lowest; and whoever grudgingly counts the and whoever grudgingly counts the least he can give for the most he can get has begun a course of self-robbery though he may be piling up-lands and gold. We may rebel at the thought of obligation to others, her are a from Chin's day until this but no one, from Cain's day until this can defiantly ask, "Am I my brother's keeper" without proving by that very attitude that he has already lost the keeping of his own highest self.

POOR BUILDING MATERIAL

When an architect plans a great building and specifies the dimensions of pillars, arches and walls, he has to be guided by a knowledge of the strength of the material he is to use. Bricks and floor tile must be tested as to the pressure they will bear, for crumbling stone and defective iron may bring loss and disaster later. But we are not so careful in the building of character. We fancy that weakness in one place may be counterbalanced by strength in another; that a few good habits set over against some bad habits average up pretty well and that the days of careless building when we are in no mood to do our best, may be atoned for by extra good work farther on. Many a life goes down in ruin before some sudden temptation just because of this building into it of poor material unfit to stand a strain.

GENTLEMEN

Perhaps these are rarer personages than some of us think for. Which of us can point out many such in his circle -men whose aims are generous, whose truth is constant, and not only constant in its kind but elevated in its degree; whose want of meanness makes them simple; who can look the world honestly in the face with an equal manly sympathy for the great and the small? We all know a hundred whose coats are very well made, and a score who have excellent manners, and one or two happy beings who are what they call in the inner circles and have shot into the and so I am glad to give you extra

hope for the future, charity for all mankind, presently we are walking erect with firm steps, looking all the world in the eye and smiling until pon our faces our inner life writes only pleasant lines. A MAN'S TEST

A man is tested by what he cannot live without. Some men cannot live without soft beds and luxurious nouses and expensive food and the applause of men. Some men canno ive without doing kindness fighting evil and serving God in act and word. This is a test that each can apply to himself—and learn something thereby.—Catholic Columbian.

OUR BOYS AND GIRLS

JERRY'S COURAGE Jerry Thomas was naturally timid. Everybody knew that. Thunder made him tremble and he couldn't help it. To him the terrific power of an electric storm was awe inspiring and his own helplessness was so manifest that he felt a mere atom in

a vast sea of power. As he grew older he conquered his fear by forcing himself to argue in his own mind: "God made the storm. He made it for a purpose and will direct it. I have nothing to fear." But even that would not always prevent the unreasoning terror that would fill his heart. When plover.

a mad dog was reported to be lurking in the neighborhood he was afraid to go for the milk in the morning and he dreamed of the creature at night. He never liked to get near the locomo tive at the station, and if an automobile whized too close to him on the road it made him feel strangely faint. The boys at school called him "Fraid Cat," and more than once he had been tormented with dangling caterpillars and worms and mice, of which only girls are expected to be afraid.

"As afraid as Jerry Thomas," was a common expression at school, and although it made him flush angrily sometimes, he never fought it out with his fists as some of the rest would have done. In his heart he felt-he hoped — that did a great peril menace anyone he loved he would prove himself equal to the

emergency. Maybe he could, even if that somebody was a stranger ! Jerry had got to eleven years old and when the long summer vacation came he felt it no more than right he should help his mother, who was a widow and a seamstress. There was one thing no one had ever ac

cused Jerry of and that was of being afraid to work. He could plod even if he were not brave in the face of He would hoe in their little garden in the hot sun until his hands were blistered. He would get up in the cold, dark winter mornings and shovel walks, or run errands pati-ently all day while his schoolmates

were shouting and playing on the athletic field past which he had to go. After he got the job of driving the grocery wagon and delivering parcels, he had little time to wonder about anything for he was busy all day long. The grocery horse was a steady old fellow. He would stand without hitching and never was known to shy at anything. The last Saturday night the grocer

had raised his pay a whole dollar a week, saying as he did so, "I can get plenty of boys for four dollars a week, but I'm going to give you five because new heavait media a single winter you haven't made a single mistake in delivering this week and several people have spoken about your prompt-ness in getting their orders to them on time. It is these attentions to

suddenly emerges from between slop

ing banks and crosses Park street on its way to the station. Jerry always

fore he crossed that track. The boys

had poked fun at him several time

when they saw him do it, but Jerry

knew that should the horse be killed

or the wagon injured, he never could

have an added burden.

replace it and his mother would

jumped in to the back of the empty

wagon as it passed the ball field.

up and looked both ways be



mocking cry from his passengers-"Fraid Cat Thomas. Fraid Thomas Cat. Meow-Meow !" Around the bend scarcely a dozen

rods away was the oncoming engine of the 11 o'clock express—an hour late, and in the cut on the tracks the twin babies of young Mrs. Darrow. the married daughter of his em

Without a moment's hesitation he tossed the reins, calling to Bob San lers as he leaped over the wheel to watch the horse

With the speed of a work hardened muscle he darted up the cut, straight in the path of the great throbbing locomotive. Would he be in time? Would he be in time ? Already the great mass of moving steel and iron was making the ground beneath him tremble. The babies stood stock still, as if strangely fascinated. He was almost there. A moment more and he would make it ! The train

was almost upon them when, spent and gasping, in each hand he seized a little child and dragged them from the track just as the train thundered past. The engineer in his cab turned faint at the terrible narrowness of the escape. The children's mother, suddenly

missing her babies and hurrying to find them, had come in sight of the whole scene too late to give any assistance. In the terrible anxiety and the sud-

den relief over the rescue of her darlings she turned strangely dizzy and went down in a crumpled heap on the grass. It was thus Jerry found her when his strength, which somehow left him for a moment, ame back and he pulled the fright. ened twins up the bank.

But that time Ned and Tom and Rob were there, but it was Jerry who said authoritatively: "Ned, take these kids home and stay with 'em till somebody comes. Tom, get that empty milk bottle in the wagon, fill it with water at the horses trough and bring it here. Bob, you loosen her collar while I rub her wrist!"

Then there was a crowd of people suddenly come from out of the everywhere and Jerry wondered why they were all making such a fuss over him and not over the babies mother, who was now opening her eyes as Tom awkwardly poured water on her head and face. When the medal for distinguished

heroism in life saving was received in Carterville and publicly presented to Jerry Thomas there were none who cheered more heartily than Ned Tom and Bob, and to the lasting credit of the whole school through

their principal, Professor Powers, they expressed their pride in the bravery of their companion who was not afraid to face death for his fellow

there is an unchangeable, definite, knowable truth in the world, which would almost imply the tedious obligation of ascertaining and believ ing it; whereas it is the prerogative of the twentieth century to believe what you like, especially if you like to believe nothing in particular, or if, with true large mindedness, you concede the inherent blackness of white and the esoteric whiteness of black. So long as there may be fifteen hundred churches, a practical man would be quite willing to belong to them all-as an honorary member, not expected to contribute to their expenses. But once admit that there is One Church, and there's an end of tolerance and comfort ; an end, indeed, to self respect, for you've got to belong to it, or you're (so to speak) inferior, and to be inferior is quite unthinkable in an age of universal equality, where everybody is clutching at pering away in annoyance, they have subjected the claim which seemed obnoxious to a more deep and serious, more patient, and more cansonal and impregnable superiority. did scrutiny, often with the result that the very thing which had looked NOT A SOCIAL IDEA One Church is not a social idea at first like an insurmountable ban to conversion supplied at last its special and irresistible motive. The there is something very pleasantly

one Church implies such a lot. One

Church plainly infers one truth, which scores and hundreds of

churches do not in the least ; and

one truth is as much as to say that

social in the conception of a multi-tude of churches, all drinking tea dogmatic infallibility of the Church and of her visible Head on earth is with one another, and politely listen-ing to each other in the hope of getan instance; in many cases the inquirer, strongly attracted by other distinctively Catholic doctrines, has ting the floor at last, and being, with a little patience, the last speaker. been for a long time repelled by this claim, has confronted it with repug-Rightly considered, the plan of a good many churches lends itself neatly to the great modern duty of nance and dislike, with an almost angry sense of resentment, up in advertisement - advertisement implies competition—would the inven-tor of Green Pills for Grim People spend a million per annum in adverarms against what he thinks its arrogance; and yet in the long run, atter taking the trouble to under-stand its real meaning, and to weigh tising if there were no other pills ? Competition is the great thing for the reasons offered in support of it, churches, too; it puts them on their mettle, and forces each to proclaim he has come not only to admit the the mettle, and forces each to proclaim that it is not super faited like an in-ferior scop. And yst there's a give and take in it; where there are thou-sands of churches each can, while Church which makes it can be the TO TEST THEIR TRUTH AND REASON deftly insinuating its own advan-tages, put in a graceful word for some church less blest. One Church is not a social idea, nor We may feel sure, as I do for one

that all real inquirers who have been in earnest from the beginning, and have continued in earnest, not flag ging nor turning aside from the modern. It involves a hectoring, supernatural claim, and the supersearch as too laborious, too epinatural is obsolete; nor does the contemporary world like to be hec-tored by its clergy, it prefers to hecgent or too inconvenient, that all those, I say, who have patiently gone on submitting the Catholic claims to tor them. The position of the clergy is to take your money (when it can leep and careful scrutiny, with no other desire than to test their truth find you at home, and get it) and be and reasonableness, and with a full have accordingly — play your tune when you've paid the piper. resolve to accept those claims on conviction, having finally been con-

SUPERANNUATED

One Church is an archaic notion-But all who ask questions are not inquirers in this sense. "'What is when the Hebrew kings and people were liable to constant irruptions of truth ?' said jesting Pilate, and would the Deity or His prophets into daily life, in unfettered denunciation of not stay for an answer," writes Lord Verulam. There are many that cry out, "Why does the Catholic their little lapses — an intolerable state of things that must have been Church teach such things?" who keenly felt then, and never could be run away from the answer with as contemplated for a moment now by the high spirited modern peoples much trepidation as Pilate himself. And many are not inquirers at all. with their own cheap and convenient They hold fast to their position be livorce courts to secure the sanctity cause it is easy and convenient, not of their homes, and their myriad pulon account of any reasoned confipits (seasoned to every conceivable dence that there it is they should be. palate) to tell everybody who agrees with them exactly what true religion Their obstacles to conversion are not avowed ; nevertheless, some of them neans. One Church is an old fash may be surmised. Those obstacles ioned phrase, involving an out-of-date origin. What one wants is something new — the fruit of the are many and grave. Perhaps the Four Notes of the Church involve some of them; the Seven Sacraments times. Novelty is stimulating, it has a twang about it. Nobody would now Obviously, we are not now speak. read novels published under Tiberius, ing of the earnest and devout Anglior sit out plays nineteen centuries old; it's a bold thing in a church to can who merely holds back from the Church because, with his heels caught stick in the same place, and say the fast in the tangled net of " Continu same things, for ever and ever. It ity," he believes himself a Catholic shows an unpractical mind, a failure already, so long as he remains in England or contines his trips abroad

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that they will go to hear old

things when they wouldn't do as much even for a theatre? One Church

means the same Church all the while

and nobody wants the same things

that did for his father, or for himself

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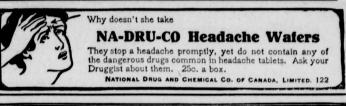
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very centre and bull's eye of the fash. ion; but of gentlemen how many Let us take a little scrap of paper and each make out his list.—Thackeray.

HOW HE KNEW

A certain young man's friend thought he was dead, but he was only in a state of coma. When in ample time to avoid being buried; he showed signs of life, he was asked how it seemed to be dead. "Dead!" he exclaimed, "I wasn't

dead. I knew all the time what was going on. And I knew I wasn't dead. too because my feet were cold and I was hungry.

But how did that fact make you think you were still alive?" asked one of the curious. "Well, this way. I knew that if I were in heaven I wouldn't be hungry

and if I were in the other place my feet wouldn't be cold."

OUR THOUGHTS

We are as our thoughts are. If was dinner time and they could ride they are vile, we are vile. If we har-bor them, they will abide with us, down town with Jerry as well as not As Jerry came to the railway crossing his first impulse was to and will master us. They will show in our faces and dull our eyes and drive straight across the tracks s make us slouch and shamble in our the boys should have no fault to poke fun at him, but in his heart he was walk. If we turn such thoughts summarily out of our minds and let afraid to do so.

He rose to his feet and looked up in instead bright, brave thoughts, faith in our neighbors and in God, the cut. He paid no heed to the



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beings. pay ! And Jerry's eyes glistened with

Jerry is away at the Business College now, having finished his course at Carterville. The grocer, whose happiness when he told his mother. He was thinking of it now as he little girl grandchildren he saved drove down Elm streets. Perhaps has no son of his own and he is that was his talent. If he couldn't going to want a partner some day, so he and the twins' father determined be brave, he could be faithful. might make up a little for his timid-ity—cowardice, the boys called it. Jerry should be equipped for the place Just below Elm street the railway

Mothers tell the story of their children and "As brave as Jerry " is a saying often heard in Thomas Carterville, for the cheap show of courage so often displayed real bravery in the face of real danger for a worthwhile object excites the lasting respect of every one. Jerry's companions now know that he is and always will be sensitive to certain distasteful experiences but that the finer, nobler courage of real manhood belongs to Jerry Thomas

This particular day Ned Brown, Tom Evans and Rob Sanders had nevertheless.-North West Review.

> ON SOME OBSTACLES THE FIRST

(By John Ayscough, in The Universe, London.) Cardinal Newman, in one of the most beautiful, as it was one of the

most brilliant, of his works, dealt long ago with certain difficulties felt by Anglicans in Catholic teaching. They were difficulties which those who were conscious of them would have no backwardness in avowing. But I venture to suspect that there 'One"are other, very different, obstacles to conversion, not so openly acknowldged; not, perhaps, explicitly formuated even to themselves by those who nevertheless, are influenced by

them. There have been, no doubt, conscientious inquiries after truth, whose inquiries have led them to the consideration of the Catholic claims, out who for a time have found in some one or more of those claims some one of more of those that is not set of a finite of the bed is in the field of the best of the be fact, usually ended by submission to God could only authorize one such' the Church, because, instead of turn. Church; but why have any such?

to Scandinavia, the Lutheran States of Germany, or the Calvinistic can-tons of Switzerland; he confesses, poor fellow, that he falls into schism by taking the Calais boat, and re mains schismatic while wistfully beholding the Catholic Church in being there in France, or south of the Alps and the Pyrenees, in Austria or Hun gary, the Catholic half of Germany,

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ABLENESS

WHAT IS TRUTH ?

very Church of Christ.

vinced.

or in Belgium; and yet he much pre fers Belgium to Holland, and is far fonder of unpacking his neat schis matic trunk in Rome than in Berlin or Copenhagen. He does not seem at all attracted by the wise principle advocated by Luttrell, who said,

answer to the appeal for advice of a gentleman complaining that a fellow The unity of the Church no doubt clubsman threatened to kick him does appeal with extreme force to downstairs. "Your only plan is to remain — seated — on the ground many of the best and most earnest of those outside of it : as they show by recurrent schemes for Re-union floor."

We are not speaking of the earn but there are many outside who real ly resent the idea of One Church est and the devout, but it is not only to the devout and earnest outsider universal and indivisible, because that idea is destructive of the many that the Catholic Church and her existent churches with demonstrably claims are irritating and unwelcome. She is highly objectionable to many human origins. very different persons, who would

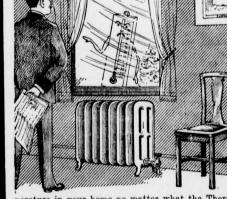
have no great grudge against her NEW DEVOTION TO OUR LADY were she herself altogether different.

existing.

A number of English Catholic For instance, there are the Four Notes of the Church. She must be ladies, among whom are Lady Day One--Holy, Catholic, and Apostolic. and Miss Janotha, the famous pianist There's a tiresome thing ! One : if have banded together to forward she said none they wouldn't mindnew devotion to Our Lady. it is very much their own idea. But The ladies pledge themselves to a -that is to say, that there is series of acts of piety and charity in one; that in this world there really honor of Our Lady. Commencing with a Magnificat on waking, they attend Mass and receive Communion, is a true Church placed there by God, and not the result of a mere

say the Litany of Loretto at midday. clause in some bill introduced by some legislative body, as a Lunacy an extra Angelus and the Rosary in Board might be. That here and now. the evening. In addition to this each lady pledges herself to wear blue and in this democratic age (not that all these, our friends, are much in love white on that day, and to sell sprigs with democracy), there is one Church of white heather to her friends, the proceeds to go to a fund under the patronage of Our Lady. White heather is chosen as the "Voluntate Dei non desideiis hominum," as poor Cardinal York said of himself on his medals

flower which grows nearest heaven in these latitudes. The idea is a pretty one for leisured women with Catholic circle of friends about them.



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